

FISCAL NOTE

HB 118 - SB 297

March 4, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Transfers certain duties of the Department of Transportation (TDOT) pertaining to railroads to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA). Directs the TRA to collect all fees (Railroad Ton-Mile Taxes) and to deposit them into a new account called the "Railroad Account." The Railroad Account shall be used to fund the duties transferred to the TRA. Upon the reserve amount in the Railroad Account reaching \$200,000, the reserve amount shall be transferred to the TDOT for the Grade Crossing Program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

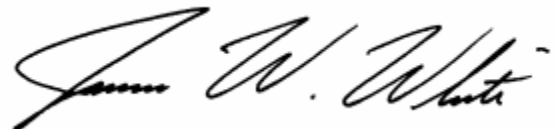
Other Fiscal Impact – A shift of approximately \$1.1 million per year in revenues and \$900,000 per year in expenditures associated with the administration of the railroad responsibilities identified in this bill from TDOT to the TRA. Any reserve amount, upon reaching \$200,000, will be transferred to the TDOT and earmarked for the Grade Crossing Program.

Assumption:

- Enactment of this bill would cause a one-time state expenditure for transferring twelve (12) TDOT employees to the TRA. This amount is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director